

Minister's Message

Our back-to-school blowout was lots of fun! Thanks to **Lee Smith** for some great dogs & dinner! Thanks to **Mae Pafford** for great table decorations! And a special thanks to our "professional" ice cream judges: **Amanda & Austin Mason, Lauren & Justin Sue, and Kelly Gresham**. They chose the champion, a homemade banana pudding ice cream from **Sean Gresham**. It was a fun couple hours. Kids played games on the lawn. Even **Avery Henderson** rented one of the new scooters that have popped up around town & let several of us ride around on it.

I recently read an interesting article by **Lydia Sohn**, a pastor in San Diego. The article was titled "What Do Ninety-Somethings Regret Most?" This young pastor (& mom)

was bewildered by the pastoral needs of some of her elderly parishioners. So she interviewed folks in their gos.

Her discovery about what they regretted? This quote captures it: "Put simply, when I asked one person, 'Do you wish you accomplished more?' He responded, 'No, I wished I loved more.'"

She was surprised that their busiest, most stressful years were also their happiest. Simply put, you are most fulfilled when you are deeply involved in the lives of others. You may occasionally long for quiet and solitude, but that's rarely a place of long-term joy. Be careful what you wish for! Church offers a great way to keep joy of love in your life.



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Welcome! If you're **visiting** with us today, please give us your name & basic information on *the card below*. **Tear it off and place it in the offering basket** later in the service. We invite you to experience God's grace among us and to think about joining this fellowship of believers.

Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Prayer Request: _____

Comments: _____

People, Times & Places

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Coordinator: AJ Sanchez

FOR THE RECORD Attendance

Worship (8/19)	199
Bible Class	141

Contribution Report

Last Week (8/19)	\$ 4,769
Weekly Average	\$ 8,741
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,770

WEEKLY ASSEMBLY

9:00 AM

SUNDAY CLASSES

10:40—11:30

Adults

Teacher: Fausto Hinojosa Rm 405
Living with Distinction: Lessons from the Sermon on the Mount

Teacher: Dawn Frame Rm 411
Reading Scripture Using the Five Common Topics

Teacher: David Morris Rm 700
In Him All Things Hold Together

Youth Group

Jr. High & High School Rm 600

Kids' Classes — aka *Uptown* (10:20-11:30)

Nursery	Rm 303
Space for Moms	Rm 306
Pre-School—Grade 6	500 Wing

Nursery

Our nursery, for children up to 30 months, is available during worship and classes in **Room 303**.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

TUESDAY

Ladies Bible Class

Resumes September 18, 2018

WEDNESDAY

Men's Breakfast

Resumes September 5, 2018

Wednesday Night Dinner

Resumes September 5, 2018



The College Church of Christ exists to encourage & equip Christ-followers as they live out the mission of God in their homes, schools, work-places, and neighborhoods.

This Morning's Order of Worship

Call to Worship ~ Sandra Henderson

*How Great Is Your Love
Never Gonna Let Me Go
At the Name of Jesus
How Great Is Your Love
Worthy Is the Lamb*

Invitation to the Lord's Table ~ Edgar Minjarez

Offering ~ Blake Sheehan

Back-to-School Blessing

*Blessed Be Your Name
O Praise the Name
Blessed Be Your Name*

Church News & Prayer for Illumination ~ Amber Elliott

Message ~ Jason Locke "Why We Forgive #4: Don't Make Room for the Devil"

Time of Response

A New Anointing

Closing Blessing ~ Jason Locke

O Praise the Name

Preschool children can be taken to the foyer during the time of response. Teachers will guide them to their classes. K-6 kids can leave during the final song.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. (Psalm 103:11-13)

After the sermon, we have a Time of Response. Folks are available to visit or pray with you. You can respond by moving to edge of the worship center.

August 26, 2018

Who We're Praying For...

Church Member Updates:

Jennifer Bryan gives thanks for "God's work in my spirit."

Ron Rocha: doc visit Tuesday to deal with spinal stenosis

Amanda Valle gives praise for new position at school & good things happening for Valle girls.

D'Andra Buchanan wants us to pray about possible job change.

Kenya Shelley requests continued prayers for **Stephen's** ongoing struggle with swelling of the brain (side effect of radiation).

Brian MacDougall: looking for a new place to live before September 30. He can afford \$900 a month for apartment or house.

Ongoing:

Larry Wiseman, Louise Fraley, Stephen Shelley, Bill & Marvidean Joslin, Janice Kelly, Judy Jarman, Jack Gross, Marge Howie, Arthur & Carlotta Wint, Carolyn Wilson, Al Ramirez, Florence Bedoian, John Jacobo, Alicia Rivera, Gloria Chisley, Alice Farris, Jim York & Nick Harrison

Expecting Mothers:

Weezy MacDougall

Extended Family News:

Jack Shields asks prayers for **Avon Shields:** terminal cancer, in hospice care

Aubrey Alfaro requests prayers for 24-month old **Kaleb Perry** who was born with Prune Belly Syndrome that has caused kidney disease.

Jay & Alice Farris want continued prayers for **Ali Rash:** chemo

Terry Cowger requests prayer for their friend **Carol:** healing with many health issues

Mel Mason's mom suffered a stroke; she is in rehab

Roger Howell gives praise that **Lena Novikova's** vision surgery to save her sight was successful.

Pat McKinzie requests prayers for **Susan Donn:** cancer



Resumes September 5

Join us as we kick-off our weekly gatherings!

Dinner is from 6-7 p.m.

Adults ~ \$4

Kids & Students ~ \$2

IMPACT YOUTH BACK-TO-SCHOOL LOCK-IN!

Drop-off: Friday, August 31 @ 5:30 p.m.

Pick-up: Saturday, September 1 @ 7:30 a.m.

Blackbeard's Park! Minute to Win-It Challenges!
Best (NEON) Dressed Award! Hide & Seek In the Dark!

Suit up in your most extreme, ridiculous, & comfortable NEON gear for a night of fun! Please bring \$10 to cover the cost of food and a toothbrush...SERIOUSLY! You MUST RSVP to Ashley by Thursday, August 30th (559-960-1742).



Activities, Events & Church News



In Honor of
Louise "Weezy" MacDougall

Today at 2 p.m.

College Church of Christ
—Room 207—

Children are a gift from the LORD;
they are a real blessing. ~Psalm 127:3

IMPACT: Youth Group News

Today:

IMPACT class time ~ youth room
@ 10:40 a.m.

Tonight:

TNT will be at the home of **Ellery & Tsenia Ellis (2976 Holly Ave, Clovis 93611)** @ 6 p.m. Swimming/Dinner.

8/31 Lock-In

9/2 NO TNT

Be sure to visit the Youth Board near the Nursery!

Officially a
SENIOR
~my last first day~
CLASS OF 2019

Kayla DellaMaggiore

Kyndyll Garrison

Rachel Kessler

Michelle Kroell

Hannah Lucas

Adam Mason

Victoria Nardella

Chase Pafford

Tripp Pafford



Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8/26 Back-to-School Sunday
- 9/5 Men's Breakfast; Wednesday Night Dinner
- 9/7-9 Men's Retreat
- 9/18 Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class
- 10/1 Men's Fellowship Night



Loving Church,
As you know, our family has faced some difficult challenges these past 4 years. It is by the grace of God, and the selfless love and support of this church that we have made it through. We cannot express the amount of gratitude we feel towards our church family for everything. From the bottom of our hearts, we say thank you.
Sincerely,
Stephen, Kenya, Mi-Angel & Stephen II Shelley

Elder's Message: Authority

The chief priests and elders came to Jesus and asked him, "By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?" ([Matthew 21:23](#)). It was not likely that these "religious" folks were as interested in the truth of the answer as they were in the difficulties it would present for Jesus to answer their questions. Jesus could have answered their question in one of two ways.

He could have said that He had no authority, and by such an admission, they would have silenced Him. Or He could claim heaven as the source of His authority and in that case, they would have accused Him again of blasphemy. So, Jesus chose a different approach that got to the heart of the problem. He would predicate his answer upon a confession to be extracted from them which would indicate where their real interest lay. He responded with a question like the one they asked Him:

"The baptism of John, where was it from? From heaven or from men?" ([Matthew 21:25](#)).

They could not answer Jesus' question, for one answer would bring them into conflict with themselves, while the other answer would bring them into conflict with the people, ([Matthew 21:25-26](#)). Their refusal to answer indicated their lack of integrity and proved their question to be flippant.

The reason that Jesus did not answer their question, was not that He was unable to do so, but rather indicated His infinite wisdom in being able to handle the ulterior motives of men. Jesus had the right to command and expect obedience and He still possesses such absolute authority today. Our Lord stated:

"**All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth**" ([Matthew 28:18](#)).

My fellow Christians, it is to that authority which each of us must be willing to submit, if Jesus is to be our king.

May our Lord and Savior give us strength, to live this out each day.

By Elder,
Michael Rodriguez



Prayer Request:

Date:8/26/2018

Updates (Address, Phone, E-Mail):

Member Requests & Information

